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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/541,170, filed April 3, 2000  
Method and Apparatus for Document Processing  
Response to Office Action dated September 20, 2001

Examiner Beauchaine: Attached is Applicants' Response to the September 20, 2001 Office Action. Originals with attachments will follow via Regular U.S. Mail.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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Please cancel claims 312-315, 316-319, 320-323 and 324-327 as being directed to non-elected inventions without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Claims 164-327 are pending in the application. Claims 164-311 have been elected in response to the election/restriction requirement. To obviate the election/restriction requirement, claims 312-327 have been cancelled without prejudice.